

Over \$5 Million Released to Add Police Officers to Maine's Streets

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"These funds couldn't come at a more important time," said Michaud. "This funding will not only help keep Mainers safe, but it will also save jobs that would have been lost due to the recession's effect on our state and local government budgets."

CHRP provides funding to address the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide. CHRP grants go directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. The grants will provide 100 percent of the approved salary and benefits for entry level officer positions over a three year period. Police departments receiving the grants will then be required to retain the grant funded positions for a fourth year.

Visit www.cops.usdoj.gov for more information about the grants. A list of Maine communities, the number of officers, and the grant amount can be found below

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Officers

Amount

Auburn

2

\$374,120

Baileyville
Police Department

1

\$209,336

Bangor

4

\$704,880

Boothbay Harbor

1

\$185,180

Caribou
Police Department

1

\$177,206

Dover-Foxcroft
Police Department

1

\$180,085

Fryeburg
Police Department

1

\$143,199

Lewiston
Police Department

2

\$350,412

Mexico
Police Department

1

\$180,017

Milo
Police Department

1

\$135,492

Newport
Police Department

1

\$168,490

Norway
Police Department

1

\$149,468

Penobscot
Nation Police Department

1

\$149,314

Portland

6

\$882,528

Sanford
Police Department

2

\$411,362

Skowhegan

1

\$147,308

Westbrook
Police Department

2

\$375,074

Winthrop
Police Department

1

\$175,101

State
Total:

30

\$5,098,572